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FOLLOWING REPEAT JIDDA 4193 SENT ACTION SECSTATE DTD 11 JUN
QUOTE:

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E.O.: 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: HOTEL SITUATION IN JIDDA

1. THE NORMALLY VERY TIGHT HOTEL SITUATION IN JIDDA WILL
BECOME EVEN WORSE IN JUNE AND JULY AS THE KING AND COURT
MOVE FROM RIYADH TO JIDDA UND THEN TO THE NEARBY SUMMER
CAPITAL OF TAIF. MUCH OF JIDDA'S SCARCE HOTEL SPACE IS
TRADITIONALLY TAKEN OVER AT THIS TIME BY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS AND OFFICIAL VISITORS OF THE SAG.

2. A PARTICULARLY CRUCIAL PERIOD WILL BE AROUND THE
ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING JULY 12-15. FROM THE
PERIOD ABOUT JULY 7-18 THE SAG WILL PREEMPT ALL OF THE
BETTER HOTEL SPACE TO ACCOMMODATE DELEGATIONS FROM 49
COUNTRIES EXPECTED TO BE REPRESENTED AT THE CONFERENCE.
IN THE FACE OF GOVERNMENT INSTRUCTIONS, HOTELS WILL
NOT RPT NOT BE ABLE TO HONOR EVEN CONRIMED RESERVATIONS.
THE EMBASSY WILL NOT RPT NOT BE ABLE TO OBTAIN HOTEL
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3. ACTION REQUESTED: THE DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO
CIRCULATE THIS INFORMATION TO NEA AND APPROPRIATE EUROPEAN
POSTS AND TO CAUTION OFFICIAL AND PRIVATE VISITORS TO
AVOID JIDDA JULY 7-18. PLEASE INFORM AGENCIES INVOLVED
IN JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION ACTIVITIES. AT OTHER TIMES
VISITORS SHOULD COME TO JIDDA ONLY IF ASSURED OF CON-
FIRMED HOTEL RESERVATIONS.

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